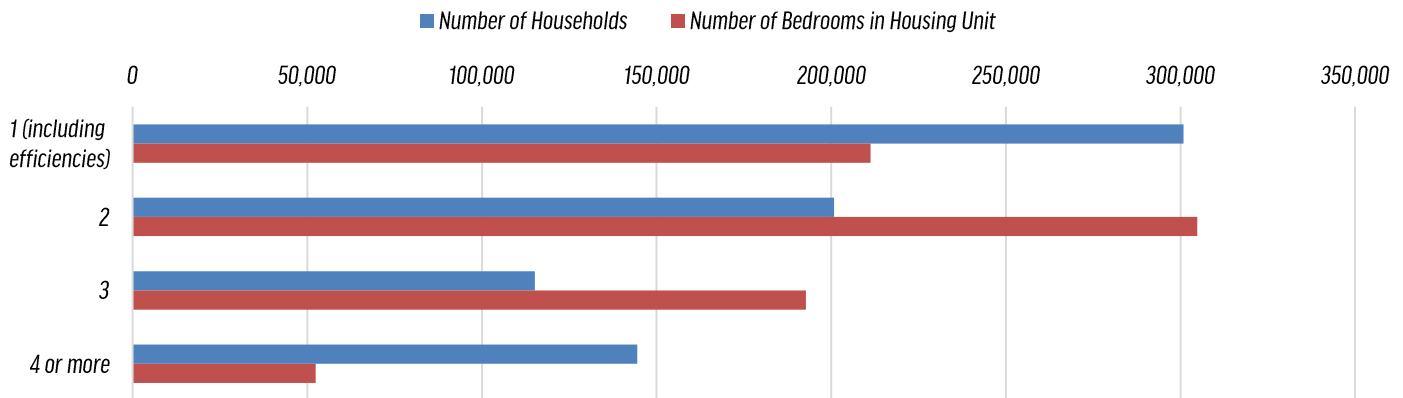


## HOUSING UNIT SIZE

While publicly available Census Bureau data do not permit us to statistically correlate household and housing unit sizes, the raw numbers still describe the housing availability landscape in Indiana. Figure 1 demonstrates that at nearly two-thirds, **the majority of the renter landscape is composed of households with two or fewer people**. Additionally, about two-thirds of rental housing is two or fewer bedrooms in size.

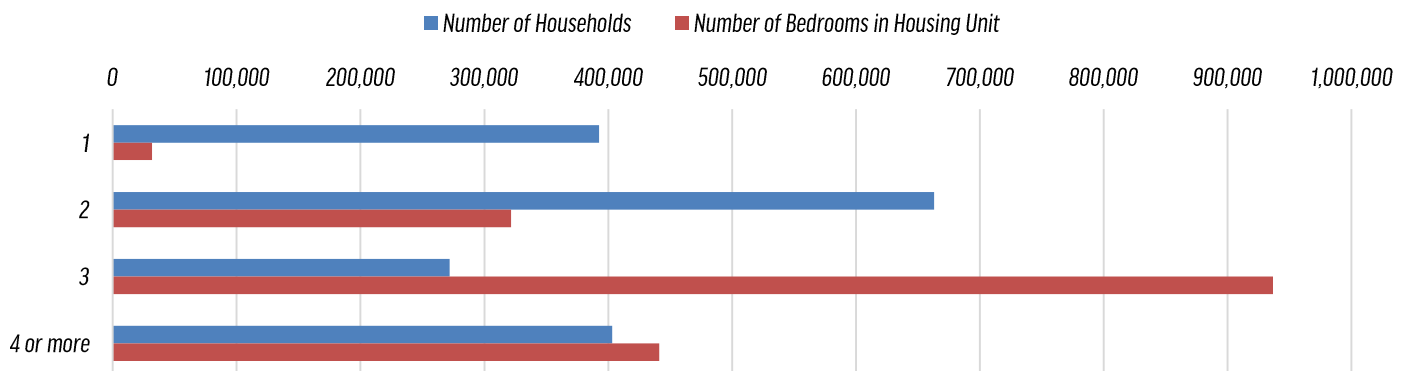
**Figure 1: Renter-occupied Housing**



Source: American Community Survey 2014 5-year estimates

On the other hand, Figure 2 shows that more than half of owner-occupied housing units have three bedrooms, and 80% have three or more bedrooms. Yet, households of three or more persons comprise only 40% of homeowners in Indiana. Interestingly, at 38%, the most common homeowner household size is two persons.

**Figure 2: Owner-occupied Housing**



Source: American Community Survey 2014 5-year estimates

Ideally, each household should be housed with adequate space to accommodate its needs. According to the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](http://www.hud.gov), a housing unit with more than one person per room is considered [overcrowded](http://www.hud.gov). For example, a household of four in an apartment with only three rooms would be considered overcrowded, regardless of the number of bedrooms. In Indiana, an estimated 2% of housing units are overcrowded, including 3% of rental units and 1% of owner-occupied units. While this is half the overcrowding rate of the United States, it is still important to realize that **nearly 50,000 Hoosier households are affected by housing overcrowding**.

All data cited in this document are derived from 2014 5-year American Community Survey estimates obtained from: Minnesota Population Center. National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 2.0. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota 2011. Retrieved from <http://www.nhgis.org>.